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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10,
enclosed herewith are the following documents for filing:

- (1) AMENDMENT;
- (2) Check in the amount of \$184.00 paying the Small Entity Fee for an additional independent claim and six (6) additional dependent claims;

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- (3) TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PRIOR PATENT;
- (4) Check in the amount of \$55.00 paying the Small Entity Statutory Disclaimer Fee due under 37 CFR 1.20(d);
- (5) PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME OF THREE (3) MONTHS FOR RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND PAYMENT OF FEE THEREOF;
- (6) CHECK in the amount of \$435.00 paying the Small Entity Extension Fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3); and
- (7) POSTCARD.

We respectfully request a filing date of March 15, 1999 the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

Respectfully submitted,



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